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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

SIERRA CLUB and SOUTHERN BORDER
COMMUNITIES COALITION,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the
United States, in his official capacity, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:19-cv-00892-HSG

**CONSENT MOTION OF FORMER
U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR
LEAVE TO FILE MEMORANDUM AS
AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Judge: Hon. Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr.
P.I. Hearing Date: May 17, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Courtroom: 2, 4th Floor

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Former U.S. Government Officials respectfully move for leave to file the attached brief as *amici curiae* in the above-captioned matter, in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. *Amici* are listed in the Appendix to the attached brief. Counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants have consented to *Amici's* proposed filing.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND ARGUMENT

Amici curiae are sixty-two former officials in the U.S. government who have worked on national security and homeland security issues from the White House as well as agencies across the Executive Branch. They have served in senior leadership roles in administrations of both major political parties, and collectively they have devoted a great many decades to protecting the security interests of the United States. They have held the highest security clearances, and participated in the highest levels of policy deliberations on a broad range of issues. These include: immigration, border security, counterterrorism, military operations, and our nation's relationship with other countries, including those south of the U.S. border.

Amici respectfully submit this brief because, in their professional opinion, there is no factual basis for the declaration of a national emergency for the purpose of circumventing the appropriations process and reprogramming billions of dollars in funding to construct a wall at the southern border, as directed by the Presidential Proclamation of February 15, 2019. *Amici* submit that their brief will be helpful to the Court, given *Amici's* unique and directly relevant perspective of having lived and worked through national emergencies across Presidential administrations over a period of decades. The points in this brief are an updated version of those in a declaration that most of the *amici* joined and that was submitted into the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Consent Motion should be granted, and *Amici's* attached memorandum should be filed with the Court.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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